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POLICE CHIEF SEEKS TO REASSURE THE PUBLIC AFTER LATEST STABBING

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE chiefs have sought to reassure the public that "offences involving weapons" in Skelmersdale "remain at a low level" - despite a recent spate of knife-related crimes.

In the latest incident at about 4.30pm on Sunday, November 11 a man was attacked with a knife on The Winsters and sustained wounds to his knee, arm and torso.

After the stabbing, the 26-year-old victim made his way to the nearby Premier Store where staff called for medical assistance and he was taken to Aintree Hospital for treatment.

DC Kelly Rosenthal from Skelmersdale Police said: "Knife crime is not welcome in Skelmersdale and we are determined to find who was responsible for this stabbing.

"Did you see anything? Do you have any CCTV of this incident? If you have any information you think could assist us, please get in touch."

People with information can email 2496@lancashire.pnn.police.uk or call 01695 566165 or 101, quoting incident reference 1009 of November 11.

Alternatively they can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

Two men aged 54 and 47, and a 44-year-old woman, all from Skelmersdale, have been arrested on suspicion of assault and released under investigation.

The Winsters - scene of the latest stabbing incident in Skelmersdale.

Meanwhile on Tuesday, November 6 police also launched an appeal for information after a teenager was threatened with a knife and had his moped stolen.

Officers received a report that at around 3pm the 16-year-old victim was walking in the subway between Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale and Chequer Lane, Up Holland when he was approached by two men who then threatened him before making off on the moped towards Chequer Lane.

An 18-year-old who was arrested has been released on bail.

Anyone with information can contact Skelmersdale CID on 01695 566165 quoting log number 842 of November 6; or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Last month two men were stabbed by a gang in Birch Green prompting Lancashire Police's Assistant Chief Constable Terry Woods to authorise a Section 60 order giving officers the power to stop and search anyone in the area bounded by the M58, Glenburn Road and the A577.

However, Inspector Adrian Jolly of Skelmersdale Police sought to allay fears about knife crime in the town. He told the Champion: "We run a number of operations and initiatives to reduce the risk of violent offences involving weapons.

"Our officers regularly conduct educational sessions in all local schools, using the acclaimed production 'Crossing the line', which portrays the consequences of youth involvement with weapons and violence.

"We also work closely with our partner agencies on initiatives, such as community knife bins, where we encourage our communities to surrender weapons. Officers are specifically tasked through intelligence reports and crime analysis to target those suspected of involvement in these types of crime. All investigations are rigorously conducted with the aim of identifying and prosecuting offenders.

"The public should be reassured that although any violent offence is intolerable, offences involving weapons remain at a low level, although they understandably attract much attention. We remain committed in our efforts to reduce violence and the use of weapons.

"We rely on the co-operation and information supplied by our communities, and I would urge anyone with information to contact us or the independent charity Crimestoppers.""

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper commented: "The police have assured me they have stepped up their efforts but stabbings are still occurring, even in broad daylight.

"I have today asked the Justice Secretary about the minimum penalties for those convicted of carrying a knife and whether this is deterrence enough. I will also be meeting with the Policing Minister Nick Hurd to discuss the increase in knife and violent crimes this year. Police must be appropriately resourced to investigate and tackle this hugely dangerous and serious issue."

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County allocated £10m extra funding for road repairs

DRIVERS and cyclists in Lancashire could soon benefit from better roads thanks to an extra £10 million allocated for repairs.

The Department for Transport has revealed how the extra £420 million funding announced in the Budget will be allocated with a total of £53 million earmarked for local authorities in the North West.

Roads Minister, Jesse Norman, said: "Potholes are a huge problem for all road users, and too often we see issues occurring at the same place time after time. That is why the Government is investing more in improving our roads than at any time before, £15 billion between 2015 and 2020 and a further £28.8 billion to 2025. Plus an immediate extra £420 million for potholes and local road maintenance just this year. The North West will be getting an extra £53 million this winter to keep its roads in good condition to keep drivers and cyclists safe."

Trust u-turn on use of hospital hydropool

Chief apologises for 'distress caused to patients'

by Danielle Thompson

EXISTING patients of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust will continue to have use of the North West Regional Spinal Injuries Centre hydropool and sports hall at Southport Hospital following a review of an earlier decision to withdraw access.

Since it was announced earlier this year that access would be denied to former patients, the Champion have been inundated with letters and calls from devastated users of the facility.

Reader Jason Bedwell flagged up his concerns saying that he doubted that he would 'still be fit enough to continue to work and provide for my family' without access to the pool.

Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust chief executive, Silas Nicholls

He told the Champion: "As a wheelchair user I have tried attending various swimming pools over the years but the cold water tends to cause me to tense up only increasing my pain further and making it impossible to exercise."

And he added that a facility such as the hydropool should be 'for the use by as many patients as possible.'

The about-turn on the original decision was confirmed by the trust's chief executive, Silas Nicholls. He said: "We recognise that ending use of these facilities as part of our review of the use of clinical space caused distress to some individuals.

"This was not our intention, for which I apologise. I want to thank everyone for their patience while the review took place.

"The trust is in the process of writing to users with our revised proposals."

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Borough remembers The Fallen

Young and old alike gather to pay tribute to the brave men and women of West Lancs who made the ultimate sacrifice

Report by **Henry James & Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancs residents of all ages paid tribute to The Fallen at Remembrance services and First World War commemorative events throughout the borough.

Among the Remembrance Day events across the borough - especially significant this year as it also marked the centenary of the signing of the Armistice to signal the end of the 1914-18 war - were parades and services at Ormskirk Burscough and Skelmersdale war memorials attended by veterans, West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper, civic dignitaries, church leaders, and uniformed organisations.

The ceremony in Ormskirk took place in the morning with a parade assembling at St Anne's RC Church

Following a short service, the parade marched to the war memorial in Coronation Park, where there was another short service.

The parade then continued to Ormskirk Parish Church for the main Service of Remembrance.

The Burscough parade, which took place in the afternoon, assembled outside Royal Briitsh Legion Headquarters in Lord Street before marching to the war memorial in Junction Lane for a service and wreath-laying.

The parade then marched to St John The Baptist Church for a Remembrance Service.

Following the Burscough event, residents took to social media to say how 'brilliant' and 'fantastic" it was .

One wrote: "The people turned out in style, a few hundred of all ages. So moving." While another wrote: "You made me feel very proud to belong to the village."

In Skelmersdale the parade marched from Liverpool Road at 10.35am, to the war memorial on Sandy Lane for a service and wreath-laying ceremony at 11am, which included a minute's silence, Last Post and Reveille.

The event was joined by the Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Gaynar Owen, accompanied by the borough council's director of housing and inclusion, Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey.

Parades and ceremonies were also held by parish councils in Lathom and Up Holland and services were held at churches in the town.

Respect

Silent Soldier Silhouettes were placed at the war memorial in Skelmersdale and the town's Light Cube was coloured red and white.

At 7pm on Sunday, November 11 a beacon was lit at Beacon Country Park as the borough council joined more than 370 other local authorities and 1,000 beacon sites across the country in a collective act of respect and recognition.

Prior to the lighting of the beacons at 6.55pm the Last Post was played across the country.

Meanwhile various commemorative events have taken place across the borough in the lead-up to Remembrance Day services, including at churches, a community centre, schools and a nursery.

Appley Bridge Community Centre remembered the village's 15 Fallen heroes of the Great War with an afternoon tea party in the community centre's hall.

A book has also been produced, *Appley Bridge Remembers*, which contains the carefully researched stories of the First World War casualties on the local war memorial,

The Remembrance service in Skelmersdale.

MP Rosie Cooper and civic leaders at Burscough war memorial.

Bickerstaffe's Holy Trinity Church held a range of events for the whole community in conjunction with local organisations and the parish council. The church hosted a display of First World War-related local history and an exhibition of art created by the children of Bickerstaffe CE Primary School, along with a 'Poppy Waterfall'.

Following the Remembrance Day service a new commemorative bench was blessed. The bench was donated by Bickerstock, the local group that organises the annual music festival in the village.

Elsewhere, pupils at Appley Bridge All Saints Primary School spent two weeks researching and learning about the First World War and prepared a display for parents and members of the local community, while pupils and staff from St Anne's RC Primary School in Ormskirk made a display out of clay poppies.

The youngsters of Portico nursery, located at West End Primary School in Ormskirk created a poppy display made out of recycled and painted plastic bottle tops.

Burscough Village Primary School's Kids Club donated a wreath that was placed at the Centotaph in London as part of national Remembrance events by the club manager, Deirde Sadgrove, who along with her husband, is ex armed forces.

More pictures on Page 29.

The beacon lit at Beacon Country Park to mark the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice to end the First World War. *(Photo by Kevin Sullivan)*

Citizens Advice office to be hate crime reporting centre

CITIZENS Advice offices in Lancashire - including Skelmersdale - are to become third-party reporting centres for hate crime in the county.

The new service, run in partnership with Lancashire Constabulary, is being launched at the Skelmerdale office in the Concourse shopping centre today (Wednesday, November 14) as part of Interfaith Week (November 12-16). Similar launches are also being held at centres in Chorley, Fleetwood and Leyland.

More than 45 staff and volunteers at Citizens Advice Lancashire have been trained to support victims and help them report incidents of hate crime to police online.

Donna Hussain, research, learning and development manager for Citizens Advice Lancashire, said: "There has been a huge rise in hate crimes across the country but many victims do not feel comfortable attending a police station or having police officers visiting them at home.

"Sometimes those targeted feel an incident is too minor to report to police or they lack confidence to do so. By launching this service we are offering victims and witnesses the support they need to report hate incidents, anonymously if they wish, so that police can act quickly to prevent any escalation in seriousness."

Nagina Ali, of Lancashire Constabulary south division, added: "We are delighted that Citizens Advice Lancashire has become a third-party reporting centre and we hope it will encourage victims to report incidents so that we can investigate fully."

Anyone wishing to report a hate crime can call Citizens Advice on 0344 245 1294 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday; or call in to the Citizens Advice centre at Unit 47, the Concourse, Skelmersdale.

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New courses highlighted at college Open Event

WEST Lancashire College has launched a range of new courses and opportunities and officials are inviting people to take a fresh look at what is on offer at an Open Event being held today (Wednesday, November 14) from 5 to 8pm at the Skelmersdale campus in College Way.

Visitors can view the facilities at both the college's £42.8m main campus and newly-opened £2.5m Construction, Engineering & Logistics Centre, plus find out more about the new BTEC Combinations programme and other new initiatives.

There is also a chance to find out more about specialist provision in medicine, The School of Medicine A Level programme, opening in September 2019.

Top doc's 'don't miss out on free flu jab' call to at-risk adults

ONE of Lancashire's leading doctors has warned that working age people with conditions such as heart disease, asthma and diabetes are risking their health by not taking up the offer of a free flu vaccination.

Dr Kieran Murphy, Medical Director for NHS England Lancashire and South Cumbria, is calling on more adults who are entitled for the flu vaccine to get it this year, in order to protect themselves and to help ease pressures on the NHS.

Last winter 3,344,593 people aged under 65 in England, who have a long-term condition were vaccinated - but that represented only 48.9% of the people entitled to have it.

Across the country, 9,996 people ended up in hospital as a result of complications due to flu. Meanwhile an average of 8,000 deaths occur annually due to flu-related complications. Of these deaths, it is estimated that around 2,500 are people with a heart disease and 3,500 people with a respiratory disease.

Dr Kieran Murphy.

Dr Murphy said: "If you have a long-term condition, you really are taking a major risk if you don't have a flu jab. It's free for you because the NHS recognises how important it is. Flu, on top of health conditions such as asthma, diabetes and heart disease, can make you more susceptible to complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis, meningitis or encephalitis.

"We know it can be difficult to take time off work to go for a flu jab, but most GPs run vaccination sessions at the weekend and you can also get your free flu jab from local pharmacies.

"I don't think people realise just how serious flu can be. It can leave people fighting for breath and suffering from septic shock. After seeing how the flu virus can affect people, my advice would be to get the free flu jab if you are in a high-risk group."

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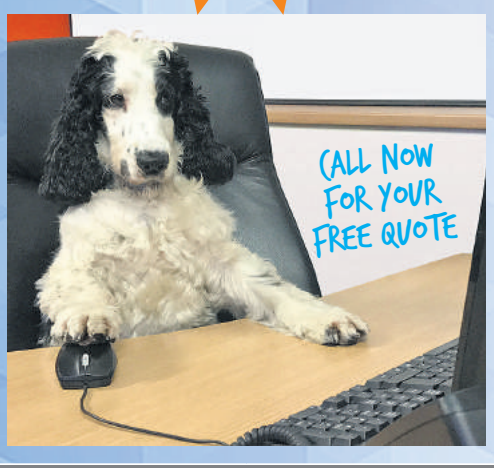

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Proposal to cut opening times at household waste recycling sites

Report by **Henry James**

County council claims switch from seven to five-day operation will save £734,000 but Skem councillor says it's 'false economy'

The recycling centre at Abbey Lane, Burscough.

SKELMERSDALE and Burscough household waste recycling centres could change from opening seven days a week to just five days under proposals to reduce opening hours to be discussed by Lancashire County Council.

A new report puts forward the proposals to help the county council to "balance its budget" by reducing the availability of household waste recycling centres "when they're less busy."

The outcome of a review of the service due to be presented to the authority's internal scrutiny committee recommends reducing the operation of seven of the county's 15 sites (including Skelmersdale and Burscough) from seven to five days a week, although all would remain open at weekends.

It also recommends changing opening hours at all sites to from 9am to 5pm, reflecting surveys showing that visitor numbers are "relatively low" from 8am to 9am, and after 5pm. The sites are currently open from 8am to 7pm in summer and 8am till 5pm in winter.

A "small reduction" in staff numbers is also proposed at four centres to achieve consistency in staffing across the sites, ensuring that staffing levels are linked to the number of vehicles using the sites. The review suggested that the provision of four staff at Burscough at the weekend should be reduced to three on the basis that the ratio of vehicles to staff at weekend does not warrant an increase from weekdays.

The proposals are being presented for consideration by the internal scrutiny committee which is being asked to provide feedback to the council's deputy leader, who is responsible for waste management.

If accepted, the plans to save £734,000 could form part of the council's budget proposals for 2019/20.

All household waste recycling centres are currently open seven days a week. Of the seven sites being proposed to close on two weekdays, six are the county's quietest sites which receive less than 5,000 tonnes of waste a year, including Burscough.

It is also proposed to move the Skelmersdale site to five-day opening as there are two sites in West Lancashire, and days of opening can be staggered so that either Burscough or Skelmersdale are always open.

Steve Scott, head of waste management, said: "Lancashire County Council faces significant financial challenges and all service areas have been asked to carry out reviews and present options for savings to be made.

"The proposals being presented for consideration by the internal scrutiny committee aim to make a significant saving by improving efficiency in the way our household waste recycling centres operate.

"Lancashire's centres provide an extensive service in comparison with other councils, so there is scope to make savings by aligning opening days and hours more closely with the way people use them, ensuring they are open at the busiest times, but closing them when there is less demand."

Cllr John Fillis, Labour deputy leader is against the changes andsaid: "We brought the Household Waste Recycling Centres in house to improve the service to local communities. The Conservative Administration is now looking to cut the service, which will increase the fly tipping across the county.

Impact

"They estimate to save themselves £734,000. This is a false economy, which will just pass the costs on to the borough councils who will have to clear up the mess caused by Lancashire County Council. They are not prepared to tell people how many tonnes of waste will be fly tipped around the county as a result of these closures.

"In the end it is the people of Lancashire who will have to pick up the costs, cuts in service, and the environmental impact which will be something that future generations will pay for in the long term.

"This is another back door policy, which will be forced through the so called Scrutiny Committee. Lancashire's consultation is a disgrace there is no open and honest debate with local people who are just left to pay more for less."

Footballing fundraiser leads team to five-figure sum for cancer charity

Dan Hill on the Great Wall of China

LOCAL amateur footballer Dan Hill is more used to preventing goals as a defender with Skelmersdale's Stonecutters FC but he helped to 'score' for a worthy cause by climbing a remote section of the Great Wall of China.

The 37-year-old has just returned from spending six days trekking the ancient site as head of a 17-strong expedition party of supporters of the Rosemere Cancer Foundation charity.

Dan is head of fundraising at the charity which works to bring world-class cancer treatment and services to cancer patients from throughout Lancashire and South Cumbria being treated at Rosemere Cancer Centre at the Royal Preston Hospital and at eight other local cancer units.

And the intrepid trekkers are hoping to have raised around £30,000 for the foundation when all sponsorship and Gift Aid donations are collected in.

Dan said: "At best, we were hoping for around £20,000 so to have smashed our target and to have taken a good-sized group out to China, which had a great time, is just a brilliant feeling.

"More than anything though, on behalf of Rosemere Cancer Foundation and everyone who flew to China, I'd like to say a massive thank-you for all the incredible support and wonderful donations we've received."

Dan has a Great Wall walk Just Giving page at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/d-hill6.

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Rosie Cooper with pupils at All Saints School, Appley Bridge and headteacher Janet Dunn.

MP goes back to school for tree-planting project

ROSIE Cooper is supporting a project to plant trees in local schools as part of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy, a network of forest conservation initiatives to mark Her Majesty's lifetime of service to the Commonwealth.

The trees - two silver birch, two rowan, and a hazel - will be planted in schools across West Lancashire, including St Anne's Primary and West End Primary, Ormskirk, St Francis of Assisi RC Primary, Skelmersdale, Ormskirk High and All Saints, Appley Bridge.

They were donated to the MP as a result of a partnership between the Woodland Trust, Sainsbury's and ITV, which in April screened a landmark documentary, *The Queen's Green Planet*, highlighting this ambitious legacy project which brings together the Queen's commitment to the Commonwealth and her little-known love of trees.

In support of the programme the Woodland Trust provided 50,000 trees for ITV viewers, and via MP Frank Field, who conceived the, initiative, also offered a special commemorative pack to every MP in the UK. The West Lancs MP who took up the offer, said: "I was delighted to take part in the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy project and to have these five schools eagerly come forward to receive a sapling was fantastic.

"Visiting All Saints in Appley Bridge was a pleasure. The children have a real interest in the outdoors through their forest schools programme and the World War I Centenary Garden, which I visited back in 2014 when it opened.

"I was also told about their efforts to secure votes for the Aviva Community Fund project, where they have bid for IT upgrade funding. I hope the whole community gets behind them."

All Saints headteacher, Janet Dunn, added: "Thanks to Rosie Cooper for inviting us to take part in the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy, which the children were really excited about. We are also grateful for Rosie encouraging others to support our Aviva Fund bid."

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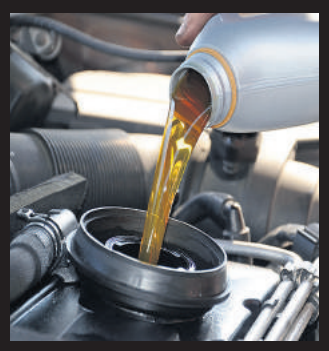

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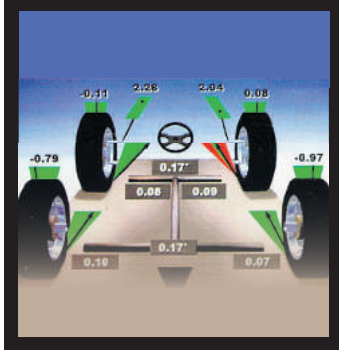

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Scout group hoping for community boost

Report by **Kenny Parker**

The Scout hut that will be demolished to make way for a new access road.

MEMBERS of a long-established local Scout group are hoping the local community will help them bounce back from two major setbacks by supporting them in a fundraising scheme.

The 17th Ormskirk (1st Skelmersdale) Scout Group is believed to be the oldest youth group in the town having celebrated its 80th anniversary in April.

However, celebrations were cut short when the Scout hut in Barnes Road was broken into and damage running into hundreds of pounds caused.

The group were already reeling from the news that they would have to vacate the premises by February next year with Lancashire County Council, which owns the building, planning to make way for an access road to a new housing estate.

The authority did offer the Scouts an alternative site but they do not have the resources to build new premises on it.

Now though they are hoping to receive a much-needed financial and morale boost after being chosen to benefit from the Co-op Local Community Fund scheme.

Under the scheme until October 2019, members of the Co-op who live within a 15-mile radius of the club will be able to raise funds for the group by swiping their membership cards whenever they shop at their local store.

Members can register their support for the scouts at the Co-op's dedicated website www.membership.coop.co.uk/causes.

Any money raised through the Co-op fund will be used to buy new specially adapted plastic canoes for the group, as well as giving members a welcome boost.

Group administrator, Charlie Cavaghan, said: "As a result of the break-in we lost almost £1,500 in equipment and although we could claim on our contents insurance, we were responsible for the first £500 excess of our buildings insurance and had to pay for an emergency call-out to make the building safe, as well as the repair and fitting of a new locking system and damage done to the entrance.

"We are also presently looking for an alternative venue for meetings and to store equipment as Lancashire County Council served notice to end the lease on the building in February 2019 to enable access to a new housing development.

"So I do hope the local community will support us in our quest to get the necessary funding for the canoe project."

Anyone who can help with providing accommodation for the Scouts is asked to contact Charlie Cavaghan by email at lescavscouts1@gmail.com or by phoning 01695 733947.

U3A group to hear Tawd Valley update talk

STEVE Hodges from Groundwork will give a talk entitled 'Tawd Valley - An Update' at the next meeting of the Skelmersdale U3A group on Thursday, November 15.

This will be held at the Ecumenical Centre in Northway from 2.15 to 4pm. Entrance fee is £1 and all are welcome.

The U3A is a UK-wide movement of retired and semi-retired people who come together to continue their educational, social and creative interests in a friendly and informal environment.

The Skelmersdale group is always looking to recruit new members and anyone interested is asked to contact the secretary on 01695 729998.

Look, no hair! Helen pictured after her sponsored head shave.

Health club worker 'braves the shave' for children's charity

A HEALTH club worker from Skelmersdale 'braved the shave' to raise £1,600 for a cause that is close to her heart.

Helen Randles, a front of house manager with Bannatyne's Health Club in Northway, had her head completely shaved by Darren from Trimmers Hair Salon in the Concourse, in front of colleagues and members to mark Operation Smile Week.

The 53-year-old has previously organised other fundraising initiatives for Operation Smile, including a sponsored belly dance last year. She is keen to support the charity as she has a personal connection to somebody who has benefited from cleft palette surgery, thanks to Operation Smile.

Since its foundation in 1982, the international children's medical charity with a presence in more than 60 countries, has provided hundreds of thousands of free surgeries for children and young adults born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities.

Helen said: "In some countries, having a cleft lip can be deemed as socially undesirable and the surgery that Operation Smile provides can have a dramatic effect on a person's life, not just in the physical sense but also wellbeing and the opportunities it can create.

"I have seen first-hand the difference having this surgery can make and I wanted to do something to raise as much money as possible for a wonderful charity. I feel proud that my friends, colleagues and members have supported me and would like to thank everyone who donated."

Phill Nuttall, general manager at Bannatyne Skelmersdale, said: "Helen is an extremely selfless person. We are proud to call her a work colleague and a friend, and I am so pleased that she has managed to raise a fantastic amount of money. It has been great to see all of our members and staff working together during Operation Smile Week and I hope that we can add to Helen's total."

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Hospital trust to hold 'drop-in' nursing recruitment day

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Candidates can drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm and maybe go home with a conditional job offer.

The trust is hiring registered nurses, operating department practioners and health care assistants - with special focus on theatre staff - for both Ormskirk and Southport hospitals.

Team members will be on hand to talk to candidates about roles in the dedicated spinal injuries centre and critical care unit, both located at Southport Hospital.

On the day, practice educators will talk to candidates about career pathways, training and development.

The trust is also welcoming previously registered nurses to come and talk about return to practice opportunities.

And NHS professionals will be registering anyone looking for temporary roles as nursing 'bank staff'. Interviews and advice will be available all day on a drop-in basis. Previous applicants are welcome to attend to discuss ongoing applications.

For an informal chat, call Carol Fowler on 01704 704965 or email carol.fowler@nhs.net.

Library fine scam alert

LANCASHIRE County Council's Trading Standards experts are warning people to beware of bogus phone calls relating to library fines.

The warning comes after a resident was contacted out of the blue about overdue library charges.

The caller claimed that the charges had been accrued by a family member, who had unfortunately passed away.

However the county council says library services would never contact anyone in this way.

And officers have issued the following advice for anyone receiving a call like this:

- Do not pass over any personal or banking information. Hang up and block the number if possible.
- Contact your local library if you are concerned about overdue charges
- Contact Citizens Advice on 03454 04 05 06 giving as much information as possible about the scam, including phone numbers and names.

County Councillor Albert Atkinson

County Councillor Albert Atkinson, deputy leader of Lancashire County Council, said: "This is another example of scammers targeting vulnerable people, preying on the bereaved in an attempt to get their bank details.

"It's possible these crooks could have seen the sad news online, social media, in newspapers or may even have been sold the information.

"They have then acted on this information and made a call intending to withdraw as much money as possible from the victim's account. Never give any banking or personal details if you receive a call like this and contact us via Citizen's Advice as soon as possible."

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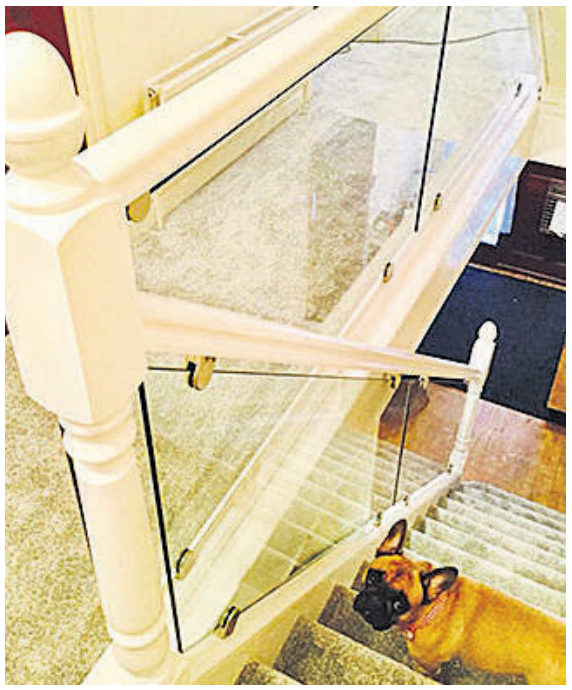

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Highways chiefs say clearing leaves could prevent blocked drains

RESIDENTS in Lancashire are being asked to consider clearing leaves from the top of drains to prevent them from becoming blocked.

The county council's highways staff estimate that around four out of five reports received during recent heavy rain were found to be caused by leaves plugging the grates, rather than a more serious maintenance issue.

Blocked drains can lead to flooding during heavy rain, but the authority says the majority of problems could potentially be prevented simply by removing leaves from the top of the drain.

People are being asked to consider clearing any debris away themselves if it's safe to do so before reporting them.

The county council maintains more than 300,000 roadside drains with those most at risk of becoming blocked being checked most often.

County Councillor Keith Iddon, cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "We will respond whenever we receive a report of flooding, however during the autumn we very often find that the problem is simply caused by leaves lying on top of the grate which act like a plug and stop the water flowing down. "If people can check that leaves have not settled on drain covers that would be great.

Residents are being asked to brush away leaves blocking drains wherever possible.

"If there is a problem with water backing up, and people are able to do so safely, we're asking them to consider brushing the blockage to one side to see if that works. If that clears the blockage, we'd ask them to please clean up the leaves and dispose of them.

"However, please only do this if it's safe as we would never want anyone to put themselves at risk.

"We do respond to all reports that we receive, but particularly during heavy rain when we have to prioritise the most serious flooding issues, it's worth people knowing that most blocked drains can be easily cleared.

"If more people cleared leaves from drains during the autumn it could help to ensure they're fully working when it rains heavily, and mean that highways staff are free to prioritise the most urgent flooding issues."

If anyone can't clear a blocked drain themselves, or the problem doesn't appear to be caused by leaves, it can be reported at www.lancashire.gov.uk or by calling 0300 123 6701.

Iinformation and advice on flooding, including how to report an urgent problem, can be found at www.lancashire.gov.uk/flooding.

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Knitting group's war horse statue idea proves a winner!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A FULL-size metal horse placed in Booths Store, Burscough - initially following a light-hearted suggestion by a community knitting group - has proved very educational in informing people about the role of the Lathom Remount Depot in the First World War, according to a local military historian.

The horse statue, loaned by Pangea Sculptures of Ormskirk, has been decorated with purple poppies and set in a display about the history of the remount depot.

The idea for the siting of the equine replica was originally put forward by Sue Hodgkins from the Wool 'n' Chat knitting group which meets at St John the Baptist Church Hall in Burscough.

Over the last two years Sue has led an army of knitters - including other groups and individuals - in creating more than 5,000 poppies which have adorned shop windows, railings and hanging baskets around Burscough, as well as the horse in Booths store.

She was inspired by the ceramic poppy installation at Liverpool's St Georges Hall in 2015, to create a display for the church.

The horse display, to commemorate the 330,000 horses that were trained at Lathom Remount Depot and deployed in the 1914-18 war, came about with the help of Richard Houghton, founder and secretary of Lathom and Burscough Military Heritage Society.

Sue says: "Richard came to one our knitting meetings and asked how he could help us. We told him - half jokingly because we weren't really sure if it was possible - that what we wanted was a horse!

"Then a couple of days later he rang me and said: 'I've got you a horse!' Pangea had very kindly offered to loan us one of their sculptures."

Local military history enthusiast Richard Houghton and Ruth Ellis of the St John the Baptist Wool 'n' Chat group pictured at the War Horse tribute on display at Booths supermarket

Popular

A member of the knitting group then set about making a saddle out of purple poppies - used to signify animals that lose their lives in war - and the horse took its place in the supermarket display where it has proved a popular attraction.

And Richard says the exhibition has been "very educational" in informing people about the role of the depot and horses during the First World War.

The depot was the first of its kind anywhere in the world, he said, and the animals were trained and prepared for service on the Western Front where they were used for pulling carts, guns and wagons.

He added: "The horse was the engine room of the army. No army ever went to war prior to 1918 without the need of the horse, and not ever in the numbers that were required in 1914-1918."

Meanwhile Sue also thanked everyone who had helped to make the poppies for the display.

She said: "The community has so wanted to be part of this. When we have been placing the poppies people have come up to us and said how fantastic it was. That really geed us up and kept us going.

"I would like to thank everybody who has participated in this venture for being so willing to give up their time and money to commemorate the great sacrifice made by the soldiers, sailors, airmen, volunteers and nurses - plus of course the horses and all the other animals that were involved."

Pangea also loaned a horse for use in the Burscough Tesco store and raised money for the Household Cavalry Foundation, which cares for soldiers, veterans and horses of British cavalry regiments, and the Mane Chance horse sanctuary.

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Vet to speak at Heritage Group

SKELMERSDALE Veterans' Association member Stephen Ryan will present an illustrated talk entitled Life of a Serviceman at the next meeting of the Burscough Hertiage Group on Monday, November 19 at The Blue Mallard, Burscough Wharf.

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Youngsters 'tune in' to help raise awareness of dangers of sexting and peer pressure

STUDENTS from Lathom High School visited radio station Rock FM to learn about healthy relationships, the dangers of sexting, peer pressure and how to stay safe - thanks to funding provided by the office of Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw.

Some of the students 'at work' in the Rock FM studio.

The Lathom pupils, along with youngsters from schools in Blackburn and Blackpool, worked with Rock FM, Lancashire Police and Nest Lancashire case workers to explore the topics and to create podcasts in the station's recording studio to help educate other young people.

The finished podcasts will be shared with schools across Lancashire to raise awareness of what happy and healthy relationships should and shouldn't look like and where young people can get help should they need it.

Clive Grunshaw said: "Bringing the voice of young people to the forefront is so important in trying to educate them around staying safe within their relationships, be that online or in person.

" These topics can be difficult to talk about but everyone has worked really hard and the podcasts the students have created as a result will be a fantastic resource to share with schools across the county."

Detective Chief Inspector Eric Halford from Lancashire Constabulary added: "Many young people feel pressured to share images of themselves but don't realise that it can leave them unwittingly open to being criminalised or becoming a victim, both of which has a massive impact on their mental health and in the worst cases, their future life prospects. Workshops like this really help to get this message across and to prevent young people from being exploited."

Nest Lancashire, which is funded by the commissioner to support young people affected by crime in Lancashire, helped the students in exploring the topics and shared information about the support they can offer during the day.

Adrian Wright, service co-ordinator for Nest, said: "This has been a great opportunity to let the students know that Nest Lancashire is here to support them should they ever find themselves in a situation where they feel they might be exploited or are unsure where to turn. The podcasts created today will help to get that message out to many young people in Lancashire which is fantastic."

The podcasts will be added to the Nest Lancashire toolkit which is available to professionals working with children and young people in Lancashire.

Potential foster carers invited to information evening

LANCASHIRE County Council is holding another information evening for people thinking about becoming a foster carer.

The event will be held on Wednesday, November 21 at County Hall, on Fishergate Hill, Preston, from 6 to 7.30pm.

Members of the authority's fostering team, as well as social workers and current foster carers, will be available to answer questions, talk people through the process and offer advice.

The county council has recently increased the allowances payable to new foster carers, so now they can expect to receive between £241 and £300 per week for each child they care for. People who may have considered fostering before, but weren't sure they could afford it, are advised to go along to to find out if it could now be a viable option.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "With around 20 Lancashire children needing homes each week, we need to recruit new foster carers. We have increased our allowances to foster carers in recognition of their valuable role in providing loving homes for the children in our care. There is also a rising demand for placements with more children and young people coming into the care of the local authority each week.

"We are looking for people who can foster all ages of children, particularly siblings who need to stay together, and teenagers. No formal experience or qualifications are needed, all we ask is that you have a spare room available and a desire to make a difference to a local child's life."

A package of support is available 24/7 to help foster carers in their role, including local support groups, their own social worker, a dedicated helpline and flexible training.

Anyone interested but unable to attend on the night can call 0300 123 6723 or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering.

There is no need to book you can just turn up. But those planning to attend are asked to arrive early.

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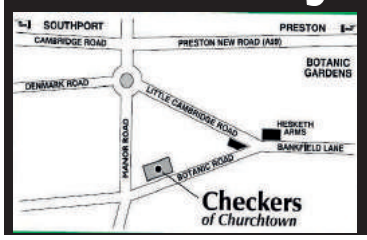

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Our community needs to speak up about Local Plan before it's too late

NOW that the council have published the West Lancs Local Plan, I have been surprised at what seems to be a subdued response from the local community.

There are many elements in the plan that need to be challenged (the scale of what is planned, compared to actual need and the potential impact on the transport system in and around Ormskirk, to name but two!).

This isn't 'nimbyism' or trying to resist any sort of change, but the current proposals will have a huge impact on West Lancashire and it's vital that the community gets actively involved in shaping their own future by making their views known through the consultation process and any other means.

Ambitious urban planning schemes carried out by councils have a track record of creating problems that have blighted communities for generations.

People may be content to put their trust in West Lancs Council and hope for the best this time, or prefer not to make the effort and then spend the future moaning about what has been done to their community.

Personally, I'd rather do whatever I can to hold our elected representatives to account before the bulldozers move in.

Concerned, Aughton, details supplied.

I didn't have any problems parking when I was a student - I couldn't afford a car!

THE indiscriminate parking in the Ormskirk area is of considerable concern and a lot is attributed to students.

If correct, do they know of the problems created? Many presumably travel in from outside the Champion area so how do we inform them?

Should a supply go to Edge Hill - or maybe it does.

However, I do not understand how they can afford these cars and the running costs.

When I went to college it was public transport or bicycle.

Then, going to work eight miles from home it was bicycle in the summer, train in the winter.

When I changed jobs and it was 10 miles away, I bought a scooter and subsequently over the years I used small, commuter-type motorcycles.

Sometimes, I admit, when there was ice around I would use a car as latterly there was no public transport to my workplace. But I always used car parks, not the street.

The use of such transport was initially lack of funds, but latterly it was by choice as I love two wheels.

So what is the matter with the students of today - or are they too well off?

Puzzled of Aughton,
details supplied.

16,000 new homes will mean even more traffic congestion

ANYONE who's ever been stuck in a traffic jam round Ormskirk needs to be aware of the Council's proposed Draft local Plan.

The plan outlines provision of an additional 15,992 houses in the district between now and 2050.

At an estimated two cars per household, this would put an additional 31,984 cars on the district's roads.

The resulting congestion will affect everyone who travels through Ormskirk and the district.

Everyone affected by this should respond to the Local Plan, available on the council's website.

You can consider your response while you are stuck in todays's traffic, trying to comprehend how much worse it may be when all these additional houses are built.

Paul Coney, Ormskirk.

Leaflet task helped me to appreciate the challenges faced by our intrepid posties

I RECENTLY delivered leaflets in the Town Green/Aughton area and experienced first-hand one of the challenges facing out postmen and postwomen.

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If they get through a delivery without nipped fingers or scratched knuckles they are doing well.

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The worst combination of all is the letter boxes low in the front door, where you almost have to kneel on the ground to access them and then exert near hernia-causing strain to get letters inside.

I suggest we all have a look at our letter boxes and where we can reduce the dangers for our long-suffering posties!

May I also wish postal workers across our area a happy and well-earned Christmas - and no, I am not related to any!

Robert Wall, by email.

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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We need a national system to end this recycling confusion

IN the UK we must have the most disjointed and confusing household recycling system.

It would appear that every council has a different method of collection, segregation and method of recycling.

Our council keeps harping on that the wrong items are put in the wrong bin. So, why not tell us what should go where?

As part of my job I see various recycling systems, some much better than others.

Why not, over four weeks, send out a detailed sheet of what we can put in each bin? Tell us a bit about how it is recycled. If it can't be recycled, tell us why not.

If people have even a small amount of understanding it helps us all.

I would love nothing more than to be a recycling ambassador. To research which council does what and why; find 'best practice' and then make it a national system.

Paul Carrier, Ormskirk.

PICTURE of the week

Soggy sand from last Sunday morning's sudden downpour made the perfect canvas for would-be sand artists to add their own images to the 'Pages of the Sea' installation on Formby beach. Picture Martyn Snape.

Self-inflicted act of economic damage is putting us all at risk

I AGREE with J. M. Berry (Letters, November 7) about central government grant cuts are putting not just pedestrians at risk but also social care, recycling, libraries, police etc.

There is no real prospect of austerity ending any time soon while the same central government continues with its ideological Brexit policy.

Economists calculate that the economy would have grown an extra 1% annually had the Government not proceeded with this economic disastrous Brexit.

This 1% annual reduction in growth (that would have occurred) amounts to £7billion less raised in taxation per year. I have not even mentioned the £4.2 billion being spent on Brexit preparations.

Until this deliberate self-inflicted act of economic damage is reversed there is little chance of extra money coming the way of local government, never mind the NHS, education, defence etc.

Dermot O'Hara, Aughton.

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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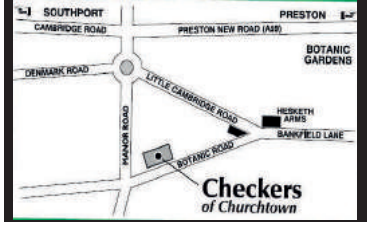

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County's Lifesavers campaign shortlisted for national award

Report by **Henry James**

A CAMPAIGN to save people's lives and a scheme to support people when they leave hospital are among Lancashire County Council services shortlisted in the 2019 Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards.

Lancashire Lifesavers has been shortlisted in the Campaign of the Year award; Passport to Independence is nominated in the Business Transformation category; the Coroner's Service is in contention for the Business Transformation award; and Home First has been shortlisted in the Health and Social Care category.

The LGC awards recognise excellent services provided by councils across the country.

Leader of Lancashire County Council, County Councillor Geoff Driver, said: "This is tremendous news.

"More than 30,000 cardiac arrests happen out of hospital in the UK each year and Lancashire Lifesavers is vital in ensuring people in the county get the support they need as quickly as possible to help save their life if they suffer a cardiac arrest.

"Passport to Independence is our successful programme to achieve better outcomes for older people who need social care support, and improve the performance of our services.

"Tremendous news" - county council leader Councillor Geoff Driver welcomes recognition for hard-working staff.

"The transformations within the Coroner's Service have allowed us to improve the service provided to bereaved families across Lancashire ensuring that they remain at the heart of everything we do. This transformation has helped us to run the service much more efficiently.

"Well done to everyone involved for their hard work."

Angie Ridgwell, chief executive and director of resources at the county council, added: "The staff in these services do an absolutely fantastic job.

"The Coroner's Service has merged with the former services in East Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen, and the improvements they have made are making a big difference to bereaved families across our county.

Support

"Passport to Independence is a key part of our plans to modernise adult social care, improve people's wellbeing and ensure they can live independently; while Home First ensures people can leave hospital when they are ready, secure in the knowledge they will get the right support package back in their own homes.

"And Lancashire Lifesavers has been a great partnership with the BBC and North West Ambulance Service, making defibrillators and cabinets available to 27 communities ensuring they have life-saving equipment available 24/7. It has also ensured more than 2,500 people have the skills they need to perform CPR through 92 training sessions.

"Being shortlisted is a true reflection of the hard work and commitment of the county council's staff."

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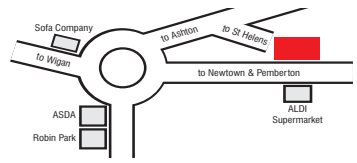

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Rosie Cooper backs call for inquiry into leasehold 'scandal'

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper is supporting local home-owners who feel ripped off by leasehold contracts by calling for a Government inquiry into what she called 'the 'scandal of mis-sold leasehold homes.'

Report by **Kenny Parker**

An estimated 21.9% of homes in West Lancashire have been sold as leasehold in the most recent year for which data is available; and a total of 4.3 million properties across England - almost one in five of all homes - are classified as leasehold.

This arrangement, which is most common for flats, means homes are bought but leased rather than entirely owned, with leaseholders often paying a 'ground rent' as well as service charges to the property freeholder, or to a managing agent acting on their behalf.

Homeowners who purchased the leasehold of their property are often locked into contracts which force them to seek permission to make basic alterations or to build extensions such as conservatories, despite no planning permission being required.

Some leaseholders find they're obliged to pay extortionate ground rents, while others are locked into rip-off service charges. Many didn't choose their own solicitor and feel they were poorly advised when purchasing their home. Survey data suggests almost six in ten leaseholders didn't understand what being a leaseholder meant until they had already purchased the property, and more than nine in ten leaseholders regret buying a leasehold property at all.

In the House of Commons last week, Labour's Shadow Housing Secretary, John Healey MP, challenged Government Ministers to set up an inquiry into the mis-selling of leasehold homes.

Rosie Cooper, who has been a member of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Leasehold and Commonhold since its inception in 2016, said: "Leasehold reform is becoming a growing issue for residents living in estates and apartment blocks developed over the last 10 years and for new developments both in West Lancashire and across the county.

Rosie Cooper is backing home owners who believe they have been mis-sold leaseholds.

"The Government need to take serious action on leasehold to ensure buyers are fully aware of the circumstances in which they are buying their home and also to regulate the leasehold industry and tackle exploitation.

"I have previously called on West Lancashire constituents living in a leasehold property to share their experiences with the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee's inquiry into the Government's leasehold reform programme, and I await the committee's findings."

Special service for family and friends in memory of road accident victims

RESIDENTS of Lancashire are invited to a special service to remember victims of road traffic collisions being held at the weekend.

The World Day of Remembrance Service, to be held in the chapel at Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Fishergate, Preston on Sunday, Novmeber 18, is one of thousands being held across the globe to support the families and friends of people killed on the roads, and honour the work of the emergency services.

County Councillor Anne Cheetham.

It was started in 1993 by UK-based charity RoadPeace which is dedicated to supporting people bereaved and injured in road traffic collisions.

The multi-faith service is open to all who have been bereaved or injured through road traffic collisions. The short service will be followed by a chance for family members and attendees to lay flowers at the RoadPeace memorial stone.

It will be attended by Lancashire County Council chair, County Councillor Anne Cheetham, along with representatives from the police, fire and ambulance services and multi-faith groups.

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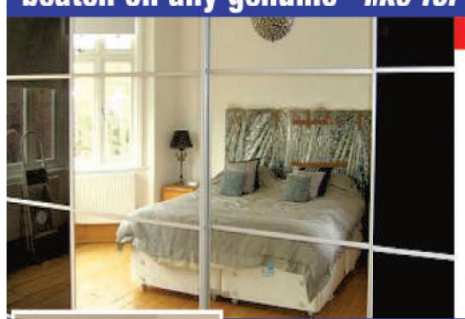

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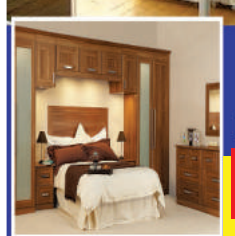

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Council reiterates pledge to crack down on fly-tipping

WEST Lancs Council chiefs say they are "working hard" to crack down on fly-tipping following two more successful prosecutions of people illegally dumping rubbish in the borough.

Peter Curran, of Mardale Avenue, St Helens, was fined £480 and ordered to pay £502.07 costs and a £48 victim surcharge - a total of £1,030.07 - at Wigan Magistrates Court.

The court heard that a large amount of waste was found fly-tipped at the side of Coach Road, Bickerstaffe. This included household waste, garden waste and rubble which was traced back to a property in Skelmersdale.

The occupier of the property told council officers they had obtained the details of a company called Currans Garden Services Ltd. on Facebook and that they had removed the waste at a cost of £30.

Enquiries were made and the company was traced back to Peter Curran. In court he pleaded guilty to not lawfully collecting or disposing of waste and also to failing to provide waste transfer notes.

In a separate case, also heard at Wigan Magistrates Court, Louise Partington from Skelmersdale, was fined £120 and ordered to pay £397.17 costs and a £30 victim surcharge - a total of £547.17.

The court heard that three bin bags found tipped at the side of Vale Lane, Skelmersdale were traced back to an address in Ledburn area in the town.

Louise Partington was issued a £200 Fixed Penalty Notice in relation to the matter. As this was not paid, she was served a notice asking for information as to how the waste got dumped.

In court she pleaded guilty to failing to provide the council with information to allow them to investigate the fly-tipping.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lanvs Council's cabinet member for health and community safety, said: "Fly-tipping is a criminal offence and this strong action taken by the council and the courts shows how serious it is. Those found guilty can face serious penalties."

The rubbish fly-tipped at the side of Coach Road, Bickerstaffe.

"The council is ambitious for West Lancashire to have a good quality and clean environment and will continue to crackdown on fly-tipping and litter to protect the local environment.

Anyone removing waste as part of a business must have a waste carriers' licence and provide waste transfer notes. Householders can check if anyone who removes waste from them has a waste carriers' licence by contacting the Environment Agency on 03708 506506 or going on their website www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency.

Residents who think waste has been disposed of illegally can report this to the council at www.westlancs.gov.uk/flytipping. Problems with litter or fly-tipping can also be reported by calling 01695 577177 between 8.30am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

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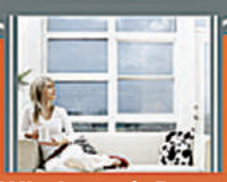

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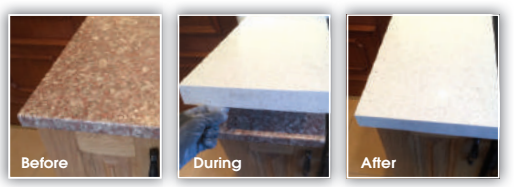

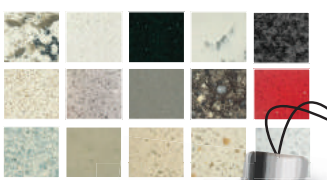

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OWL leader claims Labour fears divisions over Local Plan Review could be punished at the ballot box

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE leader of the Our West Lancashire independent group, Councillor Adrian Owens, claims that leaked emails show that the ruling Labour group on the borough council is divided over the Local Plan Review Preferred Options paper with fears being expressed that it will cost them control of the authority at the ballot box.

Copies of emails sent by a former Labour councillor and a serving councillor were disclosed to Our West Lancashire by an anonymous "disgruntled Labour supporter."

Cllr. Owens said these show the party is "panicking" and that it should halt its "ill-conceived and damaging local plan proposals."

In response the Labour group has said the emails are private conversations conducted over private email accounts and that it will be seeking legal advice on the matter.

Council chiefs had earlier denied that support for the Local Plan Review Preferred Options paper was "crumbling".

The accusation was made by Cllr. Owens following a letter from West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper to a constituent in which she said that she did not believe that the council should build homes for Merseyside and that she did not support

Councillor Adrian Owens.

continued development on the Green Belt other than what was necessary to meet the needs of West Lancashire residents.

In a covering letter to Cllr. Owens, along with the leaked emails, the "disgruntled Labour supporter" says they will never vote for the party again and says it is a scandal that landowners and developers were approached about the proposed local plan by a small number of council officials and councillors before the public or fellow councillors were consulted.

The letter writer goes on to claim that the new plan releases "precious agricultural land for houses we don't need when we need to increase domestic food production" before adding that a local councillor is "also outraged at the limited and secretive nature" that the plan was produced.

It was this councillor who shared the emails "to show there is already conflict" within the party.

The leaked correspondence shows a former councillor writing to a current councillor to express concern that three Labour party members will lose their seats at next year's election, and the following year the party will lose its majority, due to public anger over the proposals.

Opposition

The former councillor calls on the party to stick with the current plan and abandon the new one.

Councillor Owens said: "These emails reveal that Labour are panicking and expect to lose several seats at May's elections.

"After the MP declared her opposition to the Local Plan proposals that's now been followed up by another party member. Of course, that councillor will have to toe the party line and vote for the plan when full council finally gets its say in two years' time.

"Before then though, many of their Labour councillor colleagues must face the verdict of the ballot box and it's clear from these leaks that they are very worried that the local electorate have rumbled them."

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Survey identifies child abuse and sexual exploitation as public's priorities for policing

A SURVEY of 3,000 Lancashire residents for Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw has identified tackling child abuse and sexual exploitation as the public's top priority.

Mr Grunshaw launched the online survey this summer, visiting every district across the county to ask residents their views on crime and policing priorities for his Police and Crime Plan.

When asked to prioritise a number of competing police issues, 91% of respondents ranked tackling child abuse and sexual exploitation as a high priority; closely followed by investigating serious crime (90%); combating terrorism and extremism (78%); and tackling domestic abuse and violence (72%). Patrolling areas with low levels of crime was only a priority for 8% of respondents.

According to data released by the recent Office for National Statistics crime survey, overall confidence in Lancashire Police stands at 77%, with 72% of people believing police understand local concerns and 63% of people saying Lancashire Police can be relied on.

Clive Grunshaw.

However, Mr Grunshaw said that although such public perceptions are encouraging in the wider context of England and Wales, he believes public confidence has been damaged by the huge cuts to the service with Lancashire now having 800 fewer officers and 350 fewer police staff than in 2010.

He said: "Year-on-year we have less money to deliver policing in Lancashire which is understandably affecting people's confidence that police will be there for them. Reassuringly though 85% of people in my survey who had been victims of crime reported it to police.

"Many of the people I spoke with over the summer were very sympathetic towards the police and at pains to point out that they don't blame the police, rather they believe they are doing the best with the resources they have.

"With Government not providing any extra resources but passing the burden onto council tax payers, growing demand and a further £18m to find by 2022, Lancashire's police service will continue to have to adapt and with fewer officers and resources it is even more important to ensure that our plans meet operational needs but also public priorities."

Social media was favoured by 59% of respondents as the way to stay informed about policing of their local area, followed by local media and *In the Know*, Lancashire Police's community messaging system.

Mr Grunshaw added: "I'm pleased with the response to the survey and it's clear from the results the public take a keen interest in the work of Lancashire Police. Overall when members of the public do have a need to contact police, it is reassuring to know that the vast majority of people are satisfied with the service they receive."

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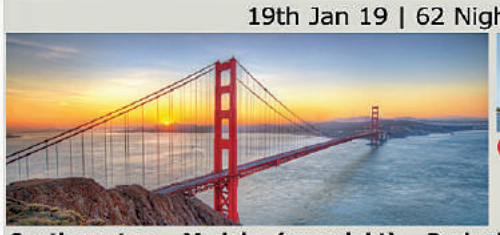

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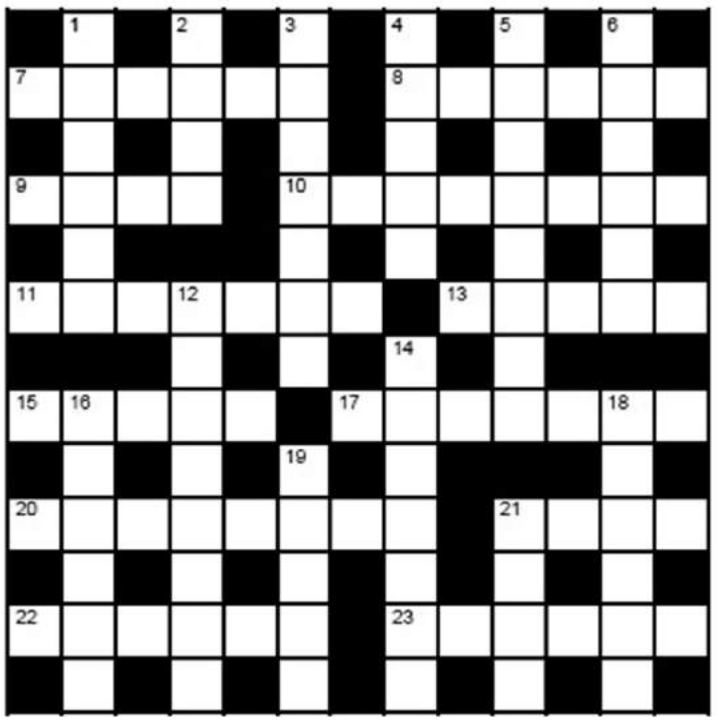

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Draper. 8. Italic. 9. Spat. 10. Sometime. 11. Tsunami. 13. Hoard. 15. Chips. 16. All-star. 18. Adultery. 19. Each. 21. Plasma. 22. Escort.

Down: 1. Trip. 2. Spit and polish. 3. Presume. 4. Pigmy. 5. Parts of speech. 6. Tia Maria. 12. Schedule. 14. Playlet. 17. Kebab. 20. Curb.

ACROSS

7. Christmas tree decoration (6)
8. State of physical or mental inactivity; lethargy (6)
9. Expensive (4)
10. Chat to; talk (8)
11. Sport in which competitors shoot arrows at a target (7)
13. Number of years of marriage celebrated by a diamond anniversary (5)
15. Term for a large person or thing; name associated with elephants (5)
17. The state of being useful, profitable, or beneficial (7)
20. An embarrassing failure or mistake (8)
21. Applaud (4)
22. Place where bees are kept (6)
23. (Of a task or situation etc.) difficult, awkward or delicate (6)

DOWN

1. Arranged in a straight line (6)
2. Title of former Russian emperors (4)
3. Usually handwritten notice or sign for public display often mounted on wood (7)
4. Fixed or allotted period of work (5)
5. Self-determination (4, 4)
6. Pamper, indulge (6)
12. Customary (8)
14. Sprinter, hurdler, long jumper etc. (7)
16. (Of fruit) Not ready to be eaten (6)
18. Expression of gratitude (6)
19. The sepals of a flower collectively (5)
21. Length of something - typically rope - wound in a joined sequence of concentric rings (4)

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Gulliver's World - where a Winter Wonderland awaits...

A range of other packages, including extra entertainment and various festive food options are available, plus midweek packages for toddlers and special events including Festive Fireworks on December 22. As Santa prepares for his trip around the globe, on Christmas Eve December 24, at Gulliver's World in Warrington there will be a special Santa send-off.

For full details of dates and package prices, and to book online, visit www.gulliversfun.co.uk

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3. Rudolph School

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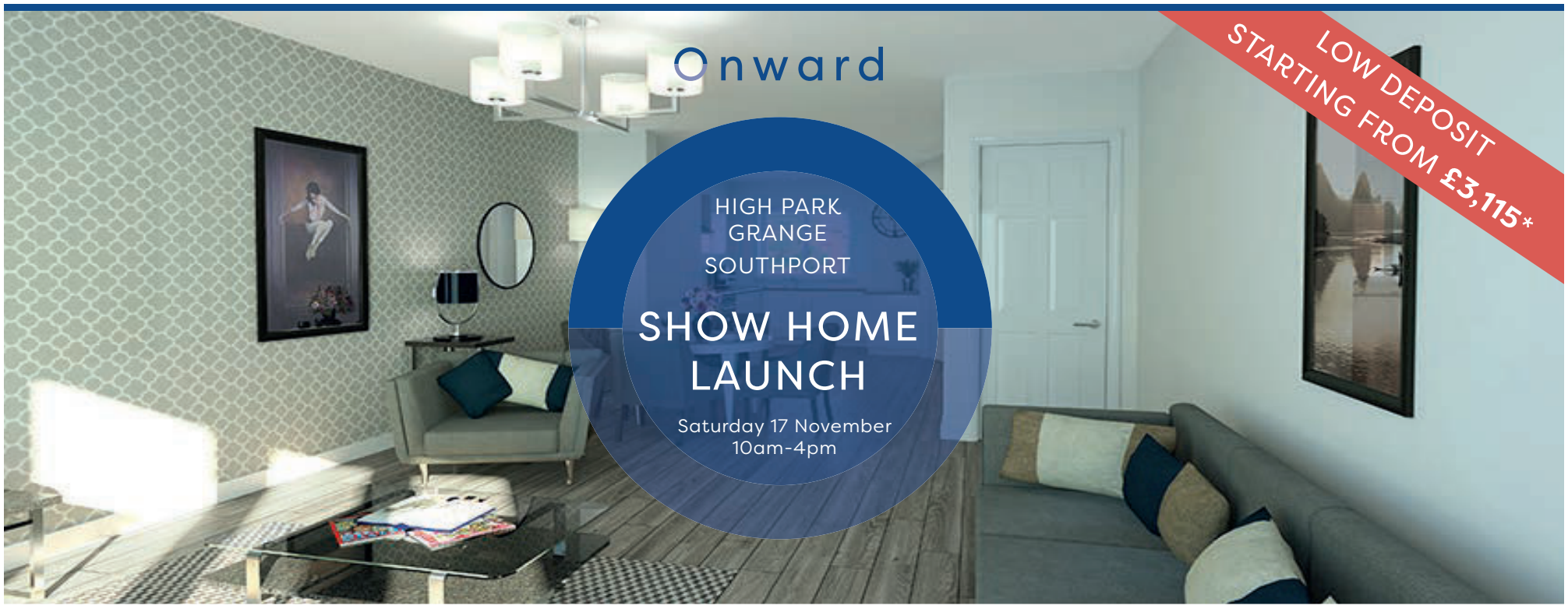

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Here are photos of just a few of their events and displays.

Above: Members of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association selling poppies at Skelmersdale library.

Above right: Burscough Village Primary School pupils in their poppy garden.

Right: Burscough Village Primary School pupils swap their school uniforms for military uniforms during their special day to mark the Armistice centenary.

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I'm a little teapot
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There'll be a range of wildlife talks on throughout each day, and our Reserve Manager will be giving a daily guided tour of the reserve, showing you all the best bits and introducing you to our most interesting birds and wetland animals. We'll also have a number of stalls in our exhibition hall selling wildlife and birdwatching goodies, birdwatching holidays and much more.

Local author John Dempsey will also be joining us to talk about his book Sandscape which features a large selection of stunning pictures of the Sefton Coast taken by some of the best photographers in the area. The photographs feature everything on this marvellous coastline, from the flora and fauna to aviation history.

For the keen photographers, there'll be daily interactive workshops on offer, full of tips and tricks for getting the most out of your camera. The weekend will be a great opportunity to network with like-minded people and meet some of the best experts in the industry.

We'll be opening our reserve at 8am so you can witness the stunning sight of the birds as they wake on the mere. Afterwards, head over to our Mere Side Café which will be serving a full English breakfast from 9am and lots of tasty treats throughout the day.

Whether you're a group of photographers, a keen birdwatcher or you just love the outdoors, there is something for everyone to enjoy. For full details and to book tickets, please visit our website: www.wwt.org.uk/NWBWF

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'Youngsters' need to know the consequences of their actions

LIKE everyone else I am horrified by the increase in knife crime - and there is no easy answer to the problem.

It seems to me one factor that has been overlooked, perhaps because changing values in our society make it seem simply out of date, is the fact that since the days of my childhood and teenage years, young people (it now seems to have been extended to anyone under 30) have entered a society which seemingly purposefully gives them the idea that they can do almost exactly what they like without experiencing much come-back.

Yes, I know that what I am about to suggest will be deeply unpopular with many 'modern' parents, children and political pundits, but it seems to me that youngsters these days have no conception that actions have consequences for themselves that are not always pleasant.

As a child I felt the relatively minor pain on my backside of my dad's hand - and the odd clip over the earhole too if I transgressed. And at school my punishments ranged from 'lines' to detention (which in those days didn't need my parents' permission), a ruler across my hand or a slipper applied to my sore posterior. I was never caned - and that was because I had learned from earlier, 'softer' punishments that breaking school rules resulted in rather unpleasant consequences, and I had the sense never to push things that little bit too far. Out of school the local bobby was also known on occasion to punish minor indiscretions with a swift swipe at one's ear.

And do you know what the result of all this 'violence' was? It was NOT that I grew up to hate my dad, or the teachers, or the police - and neither did I become a bully myself as psychologists would have us believe.

What it did was not necessarily to prevent me ever from being naughty, but to make me consider more carefully the results of my actions, and indeed their effect on others.

As a matter of fact, my dad became my best friend once I had reached full adulthood - which, incidentally, was long before I reached the grand old age of 30! And I also grew to respect authority and to consider why one should obey (in general) rules and laws.

With regard to knife crime, the police have severely curtailed 'stop and search' operations which I would have thought could make a real difference to the number of knives on the street - particularly if there was a genuinely severe punishment attached.

And since, apparently, a number of knifings occur on the way home from school, would it really be such an infringement on 'personal liberty' to carry out some spot checks for the carrying of knives to be made at the school gate? I know I would rather have a child of mine arrive home annoyed because he or she had been frisked than for my son or daughter never arriving home again at all.

Perhaps the most controversial of all is the attitude of parents. I have even heard stories of mothers asking if their child had remembered to take his knife as he went out! Now I doubt if many parents would do such a thing - but again, how many make sure that said child is NOT going out armed?

But too often all we hear are 'reasons' such as cuts in police numbers, children's services, youth centres etc. All of which are important.

But at the end of the day, surely the best way to ensure our young people are not going out tooled up for a knife fight is to teach them from a very early age what is right and what is wrong - and also that for any crime there are personal consequences that WILL be applied.

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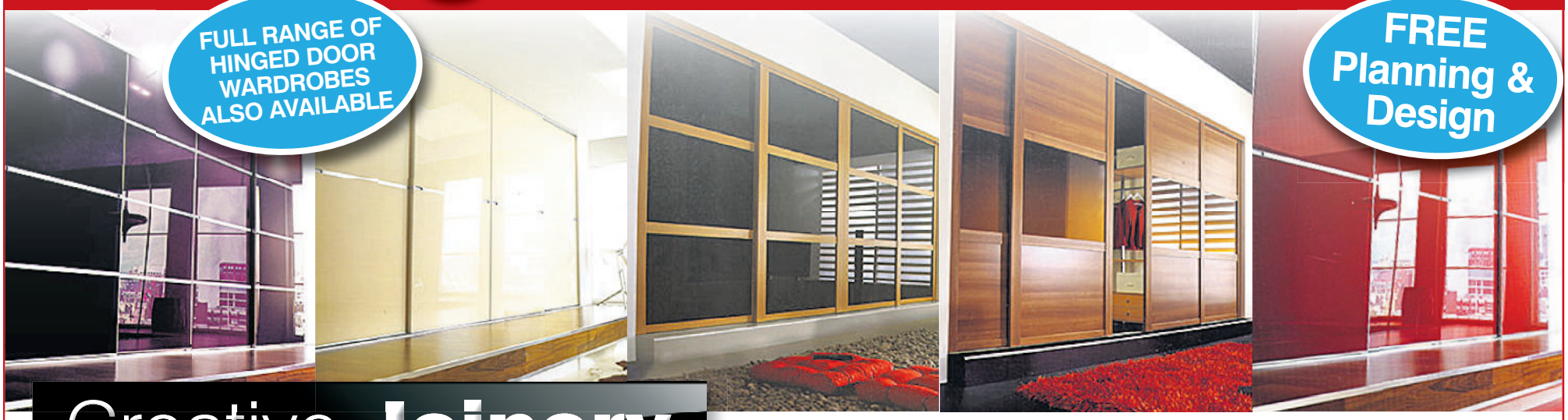

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Club busy rehearsing their annual pantomime

MEMBERS from Mawdesley Amateur Dramatics are busy rehearsing their annual pantomime which this year will be a new version of the Snow Queen directed by Debbie Wells.

The story has been given a modern panto twist and there are elements of the original story which the group hope people will remember and love, but they have also tried to give the story an up to date feel.

A spokesperson for the group said: "Our re-telling of the Snow Queen sees us meet the Snow Queen (played by Emma Meen) on her birthday, when she is given a prophecy about a girl named Astrid who can warm hearts.

"While the Snow Queen sets off on a mission to save herself with the help of her palace guards and right-hand man Hackett, Ralph and Olga work to save Astrid and get her a happily ever after. Along the way they'll meet the Snow Queen's son, her mother and our fabulous comedy duo. Keep your eye out for another special character who'll keep popping up - he's behind you!"

The Snow Queen is being performed at Mawdesley Village Hall on Thursday, November 29, Friday November 30 and Saturday, December 1 at 7.30pm. Sat matinee at 2pm. Tickets (£8 adults and £4 children) are available via the website www.madsociety.co.uk.

Classic being staged

CONTINUING its commitment to UK touring and presenting world-class ballet to the widest possible audience, autumn 2018 sees English National Ballet present the timeless classic, Swan Lake, at Liverpool's Empire theatre (November 21 - 24).

Principal casting for Swan Lake sees soloist Aitor Arrieta debut in the role of Prince Siegfried dancing alongside First Soloist Emma Hawes, Soloist Rina Kanehara performs the dual role of Odette/ Odile for the first time, partnered by Soloist Ken Saruhashi, and junior soloist Daniel Kraus will debut in the role of Rothbart, performing alongside principal Shiori Kase and lead principal Joseph Caley when they dance Odette/Odile and Prince Siegfried.

Still time to see exhibition of artwork from Discworld

Report by **Kenny Parker**

FANS of the late Sir Terry Pratchett's best-selling *Discworld* series still have time to see an exhibition of artwork from the fantasy fiction collection at the Chapel Gallery.

Consisting of 41 books and other works, the *Discworld* series is hugely popular around the globe and helped to make Pratchett the UK's best-selling author of the 1990s with 85 million copies sold worldwide, as well as being translated into 37 languages.

Artist Paul Kidby, who has designed the *Discworld* book jackets and many other associated publications since 2002, has a huge international fan base of his own with more than 18,000 followers on Facebook.

The exhibition presents a collection of Paul's drawings, oil paintings and watercolours, including favourite Pratchett characters, book covers and some lesser-known *Discworld* art work.

There is also a range of Paul's work from his own projects including the recently published book The Charmed Realm.

A touring exhibition organised by St Barbe Museum & Art Gallery of Lymington, Hampshire, it will run at the West Lancs Council-run gallery in St Helens Road, Ormskirk until Saturday, December 1.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, the council's cabinet member for leisure, said: "I am delighted that the Chapel Gallery is hosting this fantastic touring exhibition. I would encourage fans of Sir Terry Pratchett and Paul Kidby to come and see the fabulous artwork on display."

Author Terry Pratchett in a Paul Kidby illustration.

Famous silent film accompanist playing at Parbold Village Hall

PARBOLD Douglas Music and Parbold Picture House are proud to present the famed silent film accompanist, Neil Brand and his performance about The Life and Films of Buster Keaton including the live, accompanied screening of the classic Steamboat Bill Jnr in the Picture House in the Village Hall this Saturday (November 17) at 7.45 pm.

Neil Brand is renowned as one of the finest improvising piano accompanists of silent movies in the world.

For over 25 years Neil has regularly been playing the piano sound-track to silent films at the National Film Theatre on London's South Bank and at film festivals and special events throughout the world. The Guardian's view is that, "Brand's improvised piano playing elevates silent movies from crude slapstick to subtle ballet."

At Parbold, using clips of Buster Keaton's funniest moments, Neil Brand will take the audience through Buster's early life, his funniest gags and most death-defying stunts.

Finally, in a full 71min. screening of Keaton's magnificent classic feature Steamboat Bill Junior, accompanied by Neil, live at the Steinway Grand piano, the audience can enjoy watching Buster try to impress his river-rat father and get caught in a cyclone that brings that house falling down around him. If people thought they knew Buster Keaton, there will be plenty to surprise you. If you've never seen Buster live, this is the perfect way to do it.

Neil Brand

If you've ever wanted to hear the fabulous versatility of the piano and the way films used to be, then this is the rare moment for it.

Tickets are £16 for adults and £5 for young persons and students. To book or order tickets go online to www.parbolddouglasmusic.org, e-mail: tickets@parbolddouglasmusic.org or telephone: 01257 498452 (booking answerphone). A limited number of stand-by tickets are always available at the Box Office on the evening of the show.

Trained originally as an actor, Neil Brand has made his name as a writer/performer/composer, scoring BFI video releases of such silent films as South about Shackleton's Journey to the South Pole, Anthony Asquith's Underground, Chaplin's Easy Street and has composed the orchestral score for Alfred Hitchcock's Blackmail, performed in London by the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

He has twice toured nationally with Paul Merton as well as appearing in, and supplying music for Paul's silent film-related TV documentaries.

Neil appeared in Ken Loach's The Wind that Shakes the Barley and played the role of Ted, the garage owner in the BBC2's soap opera for the deaf Switch.

Recently he has visited the Edinburgh Fringe, Finland's Midnight Sun Festival, Padua Opera House, Kilkenny comedy festival, the Middle Eastern International Film Festival and travelled throughout the UK and abroad with his hilarious and touching one-man-show The Silent Pianist Speaks.

Neil is well-known as a TV presenter on BBC4 with his hugely successful series The Sound of Cinema, The Music that Made the Movies and The Sound of the Musical.

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LADIES CLOTH'S Size 22 and 24, mainly all new, with labels still on. Trousers, tops, cardigan's and more. From £5 each. 07387439004

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CLOTHING

LADIES DRESS Fully beaded black, edge to edge Jacket, long sleeves size 14/16, only worn once, ideal for special occasion. £20 07387439004

HUGO BOSS Polo mens small, Navy, never worn, labels still on and receipt available, wrong size bought in airport. £40 07553954226

LADIES DESIGNER style jacket-faux fur (tabby colour). Make "South". Dressy. Size 12, with collar, without any front fastenings. Unworn £20 07855222552

MEN'S JUMPER from Matalan Size S/Grey acrylic/ribbed pattern at waist+top of chest/stand up collar/8" zip at front neckline/ Unworn £10 07855222552

MEN'S NEXT 2-piece suit-jacket size 40R(slim fit)/trousers 32" waist/Inside leg 31" Colour-royal blue/light navy. Worn once. £25 07855222552

MEN CLOTHING Bag of men's clothing. Size large. Some XL due to branding size, jumpers tops, trousers, some designer brands £35 07515534831

LADIES CLOTHING Selection of outdoor jackets and tops. Quality makes, Gerry Weber, Minuet, Lakeland etc. Sizes 12/14. No item more than £5 07835768013

HIMALAYAN BOOTS Black Steel Toe Cap Slip On Himalayan Work Boots, Used But Excellent Condition UK 11 07505423467 £10 L30 Netherton Area 07505423467

MEN'S JACKET Debenham's Maine performance anorak, size large, lovely blue colour, zipped side pockets, sleeve tighteners, pristine condition. £20 ono. Bargain 0151 9249972

LADIES PARAMO Alta walking jacket blue size XL lovely condition £40

01695 421548

COMPUTING

TOSHIBA LAPTOP DellAcer,HDMI,Windows7/10,WiFi,D-VDRW,Office,AntiVirus.Collection Southport town centre.£85 07511244183

BOSE HEADPHONES Quiet comfort 35 ii, black, brand new unopened sealed box, best noise cancelling version £250 01704831977

DELL E4310 Laptop with fast I5 cpu, genuine Windows 10, MS Office, new battery, charger, excellent condition and perfect working order £165 01704831977

DIY

1930'S SUNRISE Glass door width 30ins H 76ins £50 01704 643878

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TOWEL RADIATOR chrome flat type. Size Width 15.5" Height 30". VGC £10 07855222552

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CERAMIC TILES 1 box of 28 (10x30cm) colour Diamant Bone (beige)-made in Italy. £10 07855222552

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GARDENING

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LEAF BLOWER Vonhaus 15/012 model Leaf blower and vacuum with shoulder strap. Used twice only £15 07708146832

EDGING STONES Garden edging stones Colour Buff scalloped top 600mmx150mmx18 off total £5.00 the lot 01704 214859

THAMESVALLEY FLINT 3 unopened midi bags, golden coloured with shades of cream, grey, and brown. 4mm to 10mm. £4.50 per bag. 01695 578368

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HOBBIES

GARMIN GOLF S2 Approach Watch wanted. Cash paid 07773242918

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SUITE Sofa 200cm (L) 100cm (W) 81cm (H), 2 chairs. Beige floral design. Caspor seat detatachable. Covers good condition. £150 o.n.o. 07925 578359

FRIDGE-FREEZER Bosch, white, 183cm tall, BigBox freezer, nearly new, hardly used, now surplus to requirements. Bought for £549, will accept £200 ONO. 07970 247401

IKEA Sofa Bed, very good condition £55.00 01704 538825

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SEWING TABLE small table with shelf and drawer £10 07717511432

HUMMEL ORNAMENTS 4 figurines of boy or girl £20 / 0151 9321725

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HUMMEL ORNAMENTS Boy or girl figurines 4 in total. £20 / 0151 9321725

VINTAGE SUITCASE Dark Brown H10 W16 D5 £20 / 0151 9321725

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COFFEE TABLE solid oak, 130 x 75 x 18cm, £65 ono 01704 880724

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MICROWAVE Green Sanyo microwave. Good working order £25. 07919532883

BEDROOM SET retro set encludes bed side cabinets and large wardrobe £150 07741206449

BEDROOM SET large 4 door wardobe dressing table bed and two bedside cabinets plenty storage £150 07741206449

DOUBLE BED solid dark wood headboard base and mattress in good condition just no longer needed £45ono 07741206449

BATHROOM SINK white bathroom sink and pedestal, with chrome mixer tap in excellent condition. £30. 01695424797

CAST IRON Victorian fire place surround mint condition.Fine details approx 3.ft.6ins x 2ft. £110. ono. 01704873529

GAS FIRE four brick fire with light at bottom and back plate £50.00 southport 568845 or 07843558159

UPRIGHT PIANO Boyd-London dark wood piano needs tuning. Good condition. £50. Can deliver locally. 01704 894670

7FT CHRISTMAS Tree, artificial, wired with 300 red berry lights, 24 v transformer, and stand, boxed. £45. 01704 530137

CORNER/LAMP TABLE Glass top teak base modern design Top 26x22in H21in £45 01695 576078

CONSOLE TABLE Glass top antique gold coloured base with lower shelf H31in W36in D12in £30 01695 576078

ANTIQUE TABLE Dark oak twisted leg ,gate leg table. excellent condition. £150 ono 07717511432

EXTENDING TABLE square 60's style table Teak laminate top good condition £30 07717511432

GUEST BED Converts to double with mattress underneath,Metal frame in cream£60 ono 07717511432

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BRIDESMAID DRESSES Two 3/4 length dresses in Peach both size 12. £20 each 0151 9321725

TORQUAY WARE numerous pieces includes condiment set and basket £30 / 0151 9321725

HOLDALL Tan suede patchwork bag H35cm W46 D14. Brand new, never used £25 / 0151 9321725

LINEN BASKETS Two Lloyd Loom baskets H55 W41 D25 or H53 W30 D25 £15 each 0151 9321725

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DINING TABLE Black and clear glass with silver legs 5 by 3 ft good condition £25 ono 01704213935

STAINLESS STEEL water/tea urn, 25litres, can be seen working, can deliver £30 Southport 214498

PARKER KNOLL Three piece sofa, fabric, good contion,smoke and pet free . Open to reasonable offers. 01704 577712

TV STAND modern black glass with shelf excellent condition 100cm w x 50cm h formby area £20 07788750849

TWO SEATER Leather settee, cream from Stockers, good condition, modern style £125 0759460 4523

EIGHT SIDED Living room wall mirror W 600mm x 600mm high £20. Unwanted gift 07952205074

SIX DOORS White panel with handles & hinges, five at size 78" by 30" and two at 78" by 27" £10 each 0151 5260731

LARGE DINING Room suite six chairs. Also matching serving table all solid wood, new. Accept £300 ono 0151 9280992

PALE GREEN Curtains deep pleat suit pole or rail. 90" drop 66" wide suit any room £20 07977 344241

TV STAND black glass, 2 shelves, great condition £20. L 100cm W 45cm H 50cm. No time wasters 07497 863338

CHEST OF DRAWERS solid ducal 7 drawer pine chest on castors, H 114cm W 85cm D 43cm £50 0151 7215198

CARPET light beige, deep pile, new. 4' wide x 14' long, hessian backed, suitable for any small room £25 0151 5310790

ELECTRIC FIRE Slot in, brushed stainless steel, loose coals, 3 flame setting with remote £50 01695 722386

HIFI UNIT wood effect, glass door, on castors, H33" W 19" D16", good condition £25 01772 613634

TWO CHROME fold up chairs, padded seat and back, suit kids room. £14 each or 2 for £25, boxed, new 01772 613634

TV STAND Black glass and chrome with 3 shelves approx 100cm long 47 wide £35ono 07870288020 evenings

SUITE Chintz 3 piece suite, 3 seater sofa and 2 chairs. Super condition, very comfortable. £25 07919532883

EYELET CURTAINS Width 66"/ Drop 72"/brown tones/large stripe/100%polyester/lined. Like new. £40 07855222552

TV UNIT L33"D19"H15"/dark oak/drop leaf panelled frontage with access to space for hard-drive etc. £15 ono 07855222552

OIL PAINTINGS two framed originals, landscapes by local artist Richard Sumner £15 the two 0151 9281955

DESK/CHAIR Small white ikea desk and white leather gas lift office chair/ Good condition. £50 ono 07515270097

TWO SOFAS 3&2 seater sofas by John Lewis. Beige material. Very good condition. £200 01695578188

LAMPSHADE Standard lamp shade,large with long fringe, dusky pink with fleck.Burscough £12 01704 893195

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CORNER TV Beautiful corner TV unit, medium oak, storage drawer, media shelf, 80cms, as new, can send photos, £65. Matching coffee table 07814480727

3+2 SOFAS two beautiful cream cord sofas with footstool bought March 2018 foam cushions, 210 x 80 and 154 x 80.£300 07814480727

BEDDING SET Eyelet curtains 66x90 with KS quilt and pillowcases all from Next. White, Grey and Gold geometric pattern. £40 / 0151 9321725

DINNER SET Marks and Spencers Chrysanthemum design 57 items includes teapot, jug, sugar bowl, plates etc. £150 0151 9321725

TOY/STORAGE CHEST White curved top chest. Floral decorated top and front. Size H18 W21 D15 inches. VGC. May deliver £28 01704560150

9 FT CHRISTMAS TREE Green artificial realistic tree with cones and stand. Tall and full foliage in 3 sections with decorations VGC May deliver £45 01704560150

CEILING LIGHT 5 arm John Lewis black mottled effect 60cm diameter with similar drop.With candle bulbs .Cost over £100 accept £20 07966101288

1/2 CIRCLE SHELF Plastic corner cabinet carousel shelf. Top shelf swivels independently. Fits 800/1000mm corner floor unit. £40 ono 01704573196

CANVAS PRINT Beautiful sunset across sea on Moroccan beach picture on canvas from original photo. Size 120 x 87 cm £10 07977278724

CANE SUITE 2 seater sofa 2 chairs, thick loose cushions. Salmon/Pink, very strong and sturdy, good condition 01704 573645mob07543145602

DINING TABLE solid light oak table 60"x42" plus 2 extra leaves 12" wide each.sits 6to10 people Plus 6 free chairs £79 01704 573645mobile07543145602

PRINT ON Canvas. Mid blue & aqua green. Abstract of water. H&W 50cm. D 3cm. Very good condition. 01704 808024/07763000776

DRESSING TABLE Stag triple mirror stool, 2 bedside tables, 3 drawer chest £100. Small dining table 4 chairs with cushions £30 01695 420156

DESK & Chair with cupboard & drawers suit student £25. Bookcase 3 Shelves 32" x 39" £10. Computer desk & chair suit student £10 01695 420156

CHANDELIER BRASS& Glass, three candle lights, can be seen working £20 also mirror gold frame with lead lights 29" x 17" 315 07977 344241

TODDLER BED White frame and mattress L 165cm w77cm h 54cm, 18 months and over. Used at Grandparents home, clean smokeless 360 01695 573587

SOLID PINE Double wardrobe with shelf above. H 190cm x D 54cm W96cm from clean smoke free home. Excellent condition £70 ONO 01695 573587

OVAL TABLE Solid pine oval pedestal dining table and six matching chairs W105cm x H78cm L 156cm extends to 200cm £80 01695 573587

NATHAN TEAK large supper/storage table. Opens to give elevated working/eating surface, H41cm W112cm D64cm, good condition, £80 0151 5263252

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TABLE LAMP A traditional oil style brass effect table lamp with unusual glass shade,in good condition. £35.00 07387439004

TABLE LAMPS Two lamps in very nice condition, will separate if required. Selling only due to down sizing to smaller property, bargain £20 07387439004

SOFA M&S 3 seat traditional style sofa vgc gold fabric very comfortable firm cushions has had little use £120 01704 549616

COFFEE TABLE with lower shelf/ medium oak(L37"xD17"xH18"), loose glass (for surface protection) comes with it. VGC £30 07855222552

2 SEATER Settee 6' £250 and matching chaise £200 or £400 the pair. Light brown tweed fabric. Large loose cushions on both. 01695 420120

TEA SETS 16 vintage China tea sets. 3 beautiful designs. Comprising cup, saucer and side plate. Excellent condition. Accept £25 07515534831

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RENTAL BURSCOUGH Large 2/3 bed flat to rent in Burscough Village centre. Furnished or Unfurnished. Viewings welcomed. £600 PCM + Bills Tel:07775838233

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CEILING LIGHT Three downlights on gold coloured fitting cream glass shades Length 28in Drop min/max 19/23in suit Hallway or over table £40 01695 576078

INLAID MAHOGANY Pedestal Table Italian style. Beautiful round 4ft and extendable. (There are 4 bubble back chairs gold velvet possibly recover?) £145 0151 9292025

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DISPLAY CABINET light oak buffet, 4 glass doors, mirrored back, internal light, glass shelving. 4 door cupboards, cutlery drawer good condition. £99 01704 573645mobile07543145602

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DINING TABLE modern mahogany style dropleaf 60"x42", when folded 14"wide, easy movable on castors with locks, excellent condition.£55 01704 573645mobile07543145602

LARGE DESK Beech effect. Strong. Large curved shelf suitable for computer monitor. W129cm, D65cm, H74cm. Dismantled. Good condition. £25. 01704 808024/07763000776

CANVAS PRINT Modern. Red flowered plant in terracotta vase. Light creamish background. H&W 79.5cm. D 2.5cm. Excellent condition. £10 01704 808024/07763000776

STANDARD FLOOR lamp mahogany fancy shaped stand with cream lined shade excellent condition and quality from John Lewis may deliver £90 ono 01515263851

TABLE LAMPS A traditional brass effect style oil table lamp with unusual glass shade. £35.00. Two others lamps for sale also 07387439004

SANDWICH TOASTER Bush-black/chrome.Makes 2 toasties at once.Non-stick plates. Unused but chrome surface has a scratch on it due to storage £12-07855222552

FRAMED MIRROR New purchased from Stokers Size (Inches) 34.5x24.5 mahogany wood rope effect frame hang landscape/portrait style on adjustable chain £35 ONO 07710661636

AMERICAN ROCKER antique American style rocking chair-green floral cushioning, leather seat, back, arm rests, head rest. Very good condition. Southport £50 07906501206

MISC

ROOF TILES approximately 75 Redland Stone tiles in good condition. £90 01695424797

ARMANI BAG Womens Large grey Bag still has tags on never used £100 07787323036

COTTAGE WARE Teapot, jug and butter dish. Photo available £25 / 0151 9321725

YAMAHA PORTATONE PSR-74 electric keyboard, good condition £45 01704 560518

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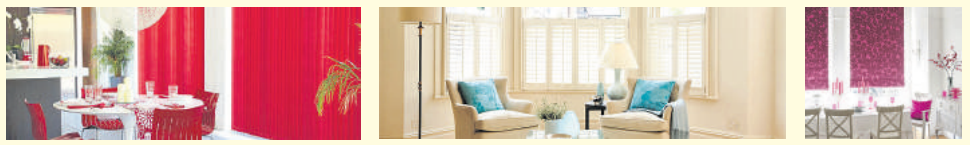

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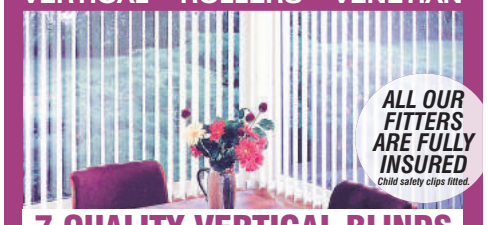

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November 6th 2018

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aged 99 years

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Announcements

DEATHS

LAWRENCE HERBERT EDWARD (TED)

Passed away peacefully at Courtfield Lodge on 2nd November 2018 aged 89 Years

Dearly loved Husband of Margaret. Loved and missed by Joy, David & Andrew. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium today Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 2:30pm.

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HUDSON MAL

8th November 2018

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DEATHS

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7th November 2018

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Peacefully in hospital on 31st October 2018

Aged 76 years

Beloved Wife of John, dearly loved Mother of David, Elaine and Richard, and loving Grandma of Ellen, Jack, Anna, Henry, Millie and Joe Will be sadly missed by all who knew her Funeral Service at St Stephen's Parish Church, Banks on Friday 23rd November at 1pm, prior to interment at St Michael's Parish Church, Hoole. Family flowers only please; donations preferred to Breast Cancer UK and St Stephen's Church, Banks c/o the funeral director. Inquiries to Neal Buckley, Tarleton Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton Tel: 01772 301700.

DEATHS

BROGAN MARGARET KATHLEEN (KATH) R-I-P

1st November 2018

Aged 89 years

Died peacefully after a long life. Loving Wife of the late Bernard. Requiem Mass at St John's Stone R.C Church, on Thursday 22nd November at 11:00am followed by interment at Ainsdale Catholic Cemetery. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

THOMPSON MILDRED (NEE WOOD)

On 7th November 2018

Aged 88 years

Dearly loved Wife of the late Ken, a loving and caring Mum of Janet and Linda, a good friend and Mother-In-Law of Gordon and John, a much loved and special Nan of James, Philip, Daniel and Adam, and a cherished Grandnan of Grace, Alice, Zachary and Ava. A special thank you to all staff at Melrose Court for their loving and devoted care. She was much loved and her selfless love for all her family, and her spirited approach to life will be greatly missed. Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 20th November at 12:00 noon. Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for the Botanic Gardens Community Association. Donations and further enquiries please to M Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

DEATHS

LEWIS-LAVENDER DEREK HUGH

7th November 2018

Aged 86 years

Loving Husband of Jean. Much loved Dad of Shelley & Melissa. Derek will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at St Philip & St Paul with Wesley Parish Church on Tuesday 20th November at 2:00pm followed by a private family committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations are being collected for Queenscourt Hospice. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

JOAN PRITCHARD

5th November 2018

Peacefully aged 83

She was the beloved Wife of Tom, Mother of Michael and Alison, and a devoted Nanna to three Grandchildren. We all miss her more than these few words can hope to say. Funeral service and cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday November 16th 2018 at 10:00 am. All further enquiries c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, Merseyside L31 5JB Tel: 0151 520 3330 or at www.cleggfunerals.co.uk

DEATHS

JOHNSON RITA

4th November 2018

Peacefully in Hospital

Aged 86 years

Re United with her Husband Ken. Much Loved Mum of Stephen, Shirley, Gary, Wendy and their families. Service and Cremation at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 21st November at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Graham J Clegg Funeral Service 7 Dover Road Maghull L31 5JB. Cheques payable to Miss Emma Greenwood-Chong (to be used on Ward 31 Aintree Hospital)

GATEWOOD EILEEN

Peacefully in Warren Park Nursing Home on 5th November 2018 aged 92 years

Devoted Wife of the late Bill ("My William") and a much loved Godmother to her many Godchildren. Eileen will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. A heartfelt message of thanks and appreciation to all the staff at Warren Park for the loving care they gave to Eileen. Funeral Service and Cremation will be held at Thornton Crematorium on Thursday 22nd November 2018 at 1.20pm. No flowers please, but, if desired, donations to The Salvation Army, Claire House Children's Hospice or Alzheimer's Society c/o H. Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

DEATHS

KIRKE JEAN HEATHER

2nd November 2018

Aged 78 years

Peacefully at Southport District General Hospital. Born at Bangalore, India on 2nd November 1940. The dearly loved partner of the late Michael Hackett. Daughter of the late Captain Claude Richard and Joan Kirke. Much loved Step-Daughter of the late Sir Vaughan Berry. Jean will be sadly missed by her Brother, Michael and Wife, Barbara and her Nephew Andrew and Niece, Katherine, Great-Nephews and Great-Niece, James, Sophie and Oscar. Jean's working career was dedicated to the nursing profession. She held senior hospital positions in Britain and South Africa with her particular interest being supporting patients with spinal injuries. Funeral Service to be held at St John Stone R.C Church, Ainsdale on Thursday 15th November at 12:15pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Donations in lieu of flowers are being collected for Macmillan Cancer Support. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2018/0906/FUL Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 2015/0178/FUL to vary the approved plans at Halsall Hall Farm, Carr Moss Lane, Halsall.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/1081/FUL Addition of further solar panels to outbuilding roof. Installation of solar panels to gravel track at Owens Farm, Broad Lane, Downholland.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/1082/LBC Listed Building Consent - Addition of further solar panels to outbuilding roof. Installation of solar panels to gravel track at Owens Farm, Broad Lane, Downholland.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/1101/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension following the demolition of the existing outbuilding at 130 Lord Sefton Way, Great Altcar.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/1152/FUL Installation of a 23.8m wind turbine (31.6m to blade tip) and associated infrastructure at Tawdside Farm, 38 Deans Lane, Lathom.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
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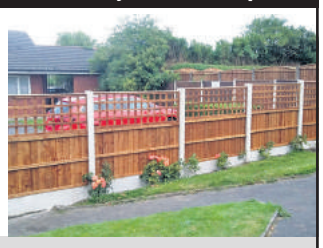

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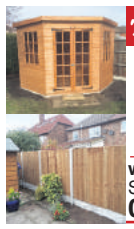

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I'VE JUST got back from three days of exploring the national classic car show – where one question seemed to be asked more than any other. What's it like driving a Reliant Robin?

Regular readers might remember earlier this year I snapped one up for £600 - and promptly discovered that virtually all of it was broken. It's taken several months of frustrating repairs to get the little three-wheeler up and running again, but now that it's through the MOT, I can finally reveal the answer.

Or rather, I was about to, but then the radiator decided to drop all of its coolant across a busy dual carriageway, prompting a tail-between-the-legs phone call to the fourth emergency service and a lengthy roadside repair.

Then it needed a boxful of bits and a morning with a timing gun because it was richer than Donald Trump and coughing like Theresa May at a political party conference. So you probably get already that the Reliant Robin is a proper classic car – the sort that people enjoy tinkering with on a Sunday morning.

Or in a layby at rush hour.

But then I – by which I mean the talented folk at the Reliant Owners' Club – finally got my £600 three-wheeler to behave like a car and I could finally go for a proper drive.

I'm now happy to report that it's addictively good fun to buzz around in.

Anyone who's seen a certain episode of *Top Gear* would be forgiven for thinking that every corner is a rollover-in-waiting but it just isn't true.

A Robin that's set up properly will happily flick through roundabouts or through even quite tight bends perfectly happy and is really only going to throw you into a hedge if you really muck about it. In fact, the bigger problem is Britain's proliferation of potholes.

You end up hitting them a third more of them than you would in a normal car, and if it's the front wheel that hits one, then the ride's particularly unpleasant. So you end up driving it constantly thinking about where the middle of the car is, which is strangely rewarding because it encourages you to really think about your driving to get the best out of it.

But it's worth it because the steering – which only has the one wheel to control, of course – is light and nimble, the gearchange is wonderfully direct and the engine loves to rev. In fact, it'll comfortably overtake things on a motorway at seventy, even if the 850cc lump next to your left knee is doing about a million RPM.

It might be noisy and have a habit of breaking down, but it's a car that's overflowing with character.

Which makes it more than alright in my book.

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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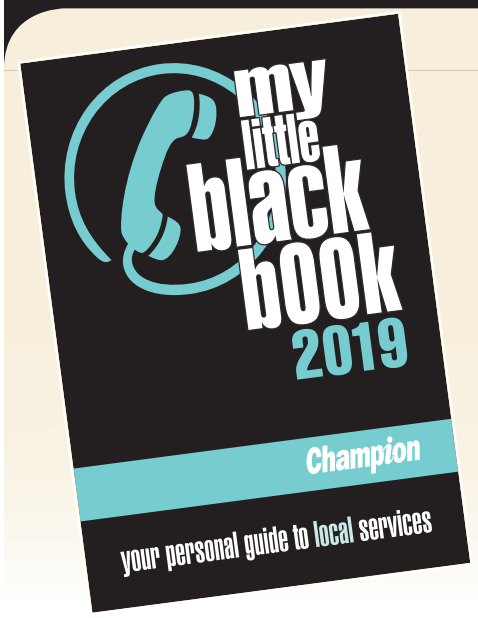

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Chad Whyte opens the scoring for Burscough. Picture by Marc Taylor

Hat-trick hero Whyte fires Burscough into next round of cup

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Burscough 3
Sandbach United 1

HAT-trick hero Chad Whyte helped secure Burscough's passage into the next round of the Macron Cup with a win over Sandbach United.

The striker was the star of the show and his three goals, two of which came in the opening seven minutes, took his tally to 18 goals so far this season.

It is a long time since the Linnets faced a team from Sandbach and in the past it was Sandbach Ramblers.

Their successors United entered the North-West Counties League during the summer and making it a tough afternoon for Burscough.

Burscough got off to a whirlwind start and were 2-0 up inside seven minutes.

Whyte opened the scoring after just three minutes.

The Linnets talisman making it two just four minutes later when a Sandbach attack broke down and Alberto Canache led the counterattack, finishing the move by setting up Whyte for his second goal of the game.

After that Sandbach were arguably the better team until half-time. Burscough were struggling to get used to some tactical changes that were initiated by new manager Terry Green and their usual passing fluency was just not evident.

In the tenth minute Sandbach threatened but Burscough goalkeeper Max Povey was able to deal with Ryan Allcock's header by grasping the ball.

Five minutes later though it was definitely game on when Will Buckley pulled a goal back for the visitors.

Really the best Burscough could muster was a 41st minute free-kick that came to nothing.

It was clear within seconds of the restart that Burscough had changed things lined up with the 4-4-2 system that has served them well over the last few months.

After a foul on Yves Zama, Whyte went close from the ensuing free-kick. This was followed by a series of Burscough corners but Sandbach held on and still posed some problems on the breakaway.

Sandbach goalkeeper Ryan Moss was much busier making one good save from a free-kick and various other interventions.

It started to get quite edgy in the last 20 minutes. A draw would send the game to penalties and the thought seemed to pressure Burscough and give Sandbach hope.

Sandbach actually got the ball into the Linnets net but an assistant's flag saved Burscough, then with six minutes to go a Josh Lane free-kick was cleared.

The game was entering added time when Burscough took advantage of the space now allowed them at the back of the Sandbach defence.

Zama went into the penalty area from the left and was fouled, Whyte stepping up to convert the spot-kick and save his side's blushes.

In their defence, Burscough were missing the useful trio of Terry Cummings, Peter Henerty and Matty Ward, but they did enough to go through to the third round of the cup.

However, luck didn't shine on them in the draw for the next round, when they were drawn against league leaders City of Liverpool away with the match to be held on Saturday, December 8.

Burscough face an away game at Barnoldswick Town on Saturday at 3pm.

Burscough players paid their respects to fallen soldiers ahead of the match for Remembrance Day

Hazeldine returns to haunt Skem with last minute winner

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Clitheroe 2
Skelmersdale United 1

SKELMERSDALE United were denied a valuable point after conceding a last minute winner at Clitheroe.

What rubbed salt into the wounds for Skelmersdale supporters was the fact that the goal came from former striker Max Hazeldine, which was his second of the game.

The late winner came after centre-back Ishmael Banks was sent off in the 89th minute and Clitheroe took advantage.

Skelmersdale had started the game in the best possible way, Alex Griffiths was put into space on the right and he had time to look up, spotting Oliver Van Veen making ground into the penalty area.

He put the ball straight into his path and although the forward had his initial shot blocked by a defender he pounced onto the loose ball and hit it low into the net to make it 1-0 to Skem.

The hosts' equaliser came in typical Hazeldine fashion. He quickly made ground on the right and from an angle some 15 yards from goal he struck the ball low across Skem goalkeeper Terry Smith into the far corner. Clitheroe were applying strong pressure to the Skelmersdale goal during this period and Skem had to thank right-back Charlie Duke for keeping them on level terms on 19 minutes.

Hazeldine hits an unstoppable volley to give Clitheroe the late win

Just before half-time the Clitheroe number nine Henry Limpitshi-Bongwanga put a shot from a good position over the crossbar, but as the teams went into the break Skelmersdale were well in contention.

Although Clitheroe started to have more of the ball, Skem were still a big threat and after a good ball by Van Veen, Sean Yeldrem sent the ball past an out of position Terry and heading for goal, but the keeper scurried back and fell onto the ball a couple of yards before it rolled over the line for a goal. Perhaps significantly Skelmersdale shot themselves in the foot on 89 minutes, with Clitheroe about to take a goal-kick, Banks was shown a second yellow card and hence a red card.

It would appear it may have been for kicking the ball away.

Losing a central defender so late in a game brings huge organisational problems and arguably so it proved. In added time after a corner James O'Hara headed off the Skem line but the ball went straight to Hazeldine, he immediately volleyed it high into the Skelmersdale goal for the winner.

Skem are at home to Mossley this Saturday at 3pm.

Club search for a new manager after parting company with Powell

SKELMERSDALE United are looking for a new manager after the club chose to part company with Dave Powell after last Saturday's defeat at Clitheroe.

Powell had been in the Skem manager's chair for just over thirteen months taking over when Alan Rogers left at the end of September last year.

He had lifted Skem to safety last season on a limited budget and it is understood that his playing budget had decreased a number of times since the end of last season and he had battled on despite the obvious handicap that had presented him.

As he leaves, Skem have seven points from 15 games, winning once and drawing four times.

Sources close to the paper have said Powell did offer his resignation earlier in the season but the club persuaded him to stay.

Dave Powell made a statement to the Champion this week: "It has been a privilege to have represented Skelmersdale United as its manager.

"Having guided the club to survival last season I was confident I could have repeated the task and ensured the club's status in the division again, despite initially an ever decreasing budget and then down to the current situation of basic expenses only.

Dave Powell

"I am of course disappointed most of all for my management team and players, who have really been putting it in over the last few months, all despite the loss of wages. I thank them for all their efforts and loyalty to the club.

"Over the last six or seven weeks the team has been progressing really well. In the league the terrific away win against high-flying Radcliffe was a sign of things to come, whilst three draws against well-funded teams was also achieved with a high level of possession and control.

"With a little luck all three games could have easily been turned into wins. Even our losses during this period were closely fought encounters against very decent in form opponents. Clearly indicating a significant move in the right direction for the team compared to the early season form.

"The background of the loss of our ground and the delay in returning to Skem, the well documented huge reduction in team budget and this had been a major hindrance to providing stability at the club.

"I would have loved to have continued but fully respect the Directors' decision to make a change and I can only wish them all the best in the continued fight.

"I would like to thank everybody involved at the club at all levels and hope that survival in the division can still be achieved.

"For my part I am still hungry for continued involvement in the game and I will see what materialises over the forthcoming months."

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